



CREATING GOOD JOBS, A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT, AND A FAIR AND THRIVING ECONOMY

June 4, 2018

David Lanier, Secretary
California Labor & Workforce Development Agency
800 Capitol Mall, MIC-55
Sacramento, CA 95814

Mary Nichols, Chair
California Air Resources Board
1001 "I" Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Clean Vehicle Rebate Project – “Fair and Responsible” Certification

Dear Secretary Lanier and Chair Nichols:

We write in support of the “Fair and Responsible” concept and applaud the state’s leadership to certify participating manufacturers for the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project (CVRP). We believe the current proposal strikes a solid balance that continues to spur electric vehicle adoption while protecting workers and promoting good family-sustaining jobs.

The proposed approach is practicable, enforceable and reasonable for companies across the nation and around the world. The proposed measures are straightforward. They ask all vehicle manufacturers, which choose to voluntarily participate in the CVRP, to demonstrate compliance with all applicable local, state, and national laws as well meet their own stated agreements and commitments concerning wages, workplace safety, rights to association and assembly, and nondiscrimination standards. They also ask manufacturers to meet this standard for each plant where CVRP-eligible vehicles are built, as well as among each plant’s direct suppliers.

Through this action, California is showing the nation that we can - and must - simultaneously invest in new technologies and in our workforce. Historically, the US auto industry has been a mainstay in providing middle class jobs; the state is taking an important step in helping to sustain this important role of the industry. More broadly, California is demonstrating that it is possible to transition to cleaner technologies in a way that is equitable through using public resources to help workers and communities share in the benefits of a clean economy.

We commend the state’s efforts and its continued demonstration to the world that we can both build a robust new market for clean technologies and maintain safe, high quality jobs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "JB Tengco". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Jose Tengco
West Coast Director